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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 040230PCT		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 7-10	YES
	Claims 1-6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 7	YES
	Claims 1-6, 8-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO

Citations and explanations:

Novelty (N): Claims :1-6

D1: US 5361623 A (WANTZ)
 D2: US 5529226 A (ALBERTH, Jr.)
 D3: WO 1993/014997 A (TOTH)

The invention as defined in claims 1-6 is not novel in light of the disclosures in D1-D3. For example, D3 describes an aerosol extension including a mounting arrangement 36, and a tube member 60 which has a first end which engages the nozzle head 20 of the pressurised container.

The attachment portion also comprises a clip portion 40 (figure 2) which engages a shoulder part of the container (figure 3). The locking means is created by the ring shaped clamp or collar 36 -refer to page 7 lines 6-11

As all the features are disclosed, the invention is not considered to be novel

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-6, 8-10

Claims 1-6 - See above

Claims 8-10

The features added by these claims relate to features which are typical in devices of this type- re nozzles of claims 9 and 10 and therefore cannot be considered as contributing to patentable ingenuity. The marking of the tube to provide the user to judge the distance from the end of the tube is also not considered to be inventive as it is obvious to mark material to indicate distances from objects.